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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am alarmed by the recent news reports about the overuse of antibiotics in American agriculture and am writing to urge you to ban the use of human antibiotics in animal feeds, both existing antibiotics and any new ones that are developed. The public relies on the Food and Drug Administration to monitor and maintain the safety of the nation's food sources, and while I understand why powerful agribusiness interests might resist your taking this stand, the FDA should remain accountable to the public, not to commercial interests. The World Health Organization's recommendation to ban the use of antibiotics in animal feed resulted in the Europeans following that recommendation; the United States should not lag behind. It is imperative that this looming health problem be addressed as soon as possible. Please act and act soon.

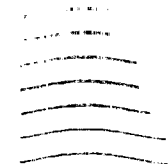
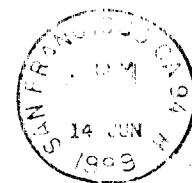
Sincerely yours,



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